How God Reveals His Beauty in Order to Draw Us

We can easily notice that in an election campaign for choosing a candidate, those who promote him present him in the most shining postures to convince people to choose him. The candidate prepares speeches with the most convincing offers to determine as many people as possible to choose him.

This is done because we were created with discernment, with the ability to choose. When we admire greatly, the desire to act, to make decisions, is triggered in us.

No candidate in an election campaign will call us to choose him using threats, because no one will appreciate him and choose him. If a person is attracted by the offers of a candidate who is very convincing and considers him sincere in what he promises, he will act accordingly, appreciate him, and choose him over others.

If, in addition to the offers he makes, this candidate has a beautiful way of life, even if he does not call anyone to imitate his way of life, there will still be some people who, out of admiration, will want to imitate him.

This is how we were created, with this capacity. When we are attracted to someone and admire them, we are willing to support them, and when we admire them with all our heart, there will be among us people who will want to resemble that person. We can see these desires to imitate, to resemble some music or cinema stars, in clothing, speech, among young people...

For people to choose the one who is running, he promises them various advantages, without asking them to resemble him and live like him.

When it comes to the salvation of the soul, things happen similarly. God uses His messengers to present His plan regarding our life, with the purpose of convincing us to choose His offer of salvation.

Lord Jesus, besides promising us eternal life, asks us to resemble Him, to walk with Him on His ways, living a perfect life.

He calls us not only to appreciate Him for what He has done for us but to be like Him. He calls us to fall in love with Him, and for this, He shows us the beauty of His perfect character (And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32).

God does not call us to appreciate Him just because He offers us an eternal Kingdom with streets of gold or because He saves us from hell, as this will not make us fall in

love with Him or desire to follow Him to be like Him.

The Lord does not want us to be engaged to Him out of interest; He does not promise us gifts to convince us to love Him because this would trigger opportunism in us, not true love. We notice that even those in the world disapprove of opportunism or “love” based on another interest, not the beauty and qualities of the beloved..

Only if we are overwhelmed by His beauty will we desire to walk in His ways and have this beauty that He possesses. (The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Psalms 50:1, 2).

Therefore, in His love for the crown of His creation, God uses His messengers to speak to us about Lord Jesus, to show us the traits of His heart. His disciples are sent to describe the image of God to us, to show us the beauty of His heart, and to draw us to Him with His perfect beauty.

No one can be drawn to His beauty if they have not heard of Him and if they do not see His heart’s traits, if they do not know His ways, His manner of being. (And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14; No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. John 6:44)

If we are drawn by the beauty of His perfect character, we will admire and love Him with all our heart; only then will the desire to have the same character traits as He has be stirred in us. (I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please. Song of Solomon 8:4)

If we have been called only to repentance to avoid hell and to walk on streets of gold, without being shown the beauty of the Lord’s heart, if we have not been presented with the fact that His purpose is for us to have His character traits, we must be careful because those who presented this message to us brought us a false, incomplete gospel. They were not sent by God. If we have received such an opportunistic gospel, we have been deceived by Satan.

Let us honestly recognize: What gospel was brought to us? Were there people who preached to us only that if we do not repent, we will face eternal hell?

Did they teach us to appreciate Him, to be thankful only for what He did for us on the cross? Or were there messengers of God who also presented us with the beauty of the Lord’s heart? Was I drawn to His character traits? Did love awaken in us, and did we desire to have the same beautiful traits as He has?

God draws us with all His beauty and will make all the beauty of His heart pass before us. Just as He showed Moses the beauty of His heart, so will He show it to us. He will make all His beauty pass before you. (Exodus 33:17). He does this so that we may fall in love with the traits of His heart, so that love may awaken in us.

David's fervent desire (which should be that of every lover of the Lord) was to dwell all his life in the house of the Lord to behold the beauty of the Lord. (One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord. Psalms 27:4)

If we come to God out of interest, out of opportunism, for the streets of gold, to avoid punishment in hell, it is clear that we have not experienced the shining beauty of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

Every teaching (commandment) in the Gospel has hidden within it a trait of the Lord Jesus, concealing within it the perfect beauty of His character. By looking at His ways, at His commandments, we are actually looking at the beauty of Christ, who is the image of God.

His commandments should be a delight to us because they represent Him. (And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. Psalms 119:47; Thy commandments are my delights. Psalms 119:143)

Therefore, Lord Jesus says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments..." (John 14:15), meaning if you love Me, you also love My commandments and find delight in them because My commandments express My character, they show what I am like.

No one will be able to admire and love Him with all their heart out of fear of eternal hell, but only if they are drawn by the radiance of the Lord, by the radiance of His Word. Only in this way is the fervent desire to be like Him triggered. Only in this way can the purpose for which we were created be achieved, that of being like Lord Jesus, our Bridegroom.

Only when we are truly drawn by the beauty of the Lord's heart will we be determined to imitate Him and desire to have the same heart as His.

If someone shows us the beauty of the Lord and we are drawn to Him, the result will be love. Illustratively, our relationship should resemble the relationship of two betrothed, who are drawn to each other, where there is wholehearted love.

If we admire and are drawn to the beauty of the traits of Lord Jesus, we will desire them for ourselves, this being the starting point. (I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love. Song of Solomon 5:8)

A person in love will always delight in the words spoken by the one they admire and love. (I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake. Song of Solomon 5:6; My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times. Psalms 119:20)

If we have not started from here, if we are not drawn by the beauty of His heart, if His commandments and ways are not our delight, if we have loved Him only for His promises, then the new life has not begun. (No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. John 6:44)

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